

The Fat Rooster.

Very few people credit chickens with having much sense; but at least one young rooster proved, without doubt, that he was wiser than he looked. This cockerel has a habit of ruffling up his feathers during feeding time, and as he was about twice as fat as the rest of the fowls, his owner decided to watch him and to try to find out the cause of his queer behavior. One day, as the fowls sauntered off after being fed, the rooster carried his portly self to a secluded place by the wood pile, and shook himself vigorously; whereupon down fell more than half a pint of grain which his ruffled feathers had caught at feeding time. This he proceeded to eat at his leisure. As he continued to ruffle his feathers and to saunter off to the wood pile after meals, and gained in size daily, his owner had every reason to believe that the rooster had more than his share of common chicken sense.

A Preference.

When in the country it is very interesting to see the butter made—some young men prefer seeing the milkmaid.—The Tatler.

Time for Courtesy.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.—Emerson.

Language of the Professions.

Scientific terms are ordinarily crammed without mercy into the medical certificates that are brought into courts of justice. These have always the effect of thoroughly frightening the magistrates, who hardly understand them more than do the good public.

At a recent court session M. Masse, the presiding judge, interrupted the reading of a medical certificate:

"When will these doctors resolve to abandon their gibberish and speak French?"

"Monsieur the president, the doctors remain as they were in the time of Moliere."

The presiding judge said with a sigh: "They are worse than in the time of Moliere. In that epoch at least the doctors made use of a kind of Latin that one could understand. Today no one can understand them at all."

"Does Monsieur the President believe that the gibberish of the lawyers is any more understandable than that of the doctors?"—Le Cri de Paris.

A Tub Secret.

Filling the bath tub sometimes makes more noise than we like, especially late at night or early in the morning. To prevent noise, attach a piece of rubber hose to the faucet long enough to reach to the bottom of the tub. There will be no noise or spattering of water.



CURTIS GUILD, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

PROBABLY it will take the Russian longer than it did the American public to learn that the representative of the United States at St. Petersburg pronounces the two vowels of his surname as they are sounded in "gilde." His title of general, gained in the Spanish war, is not likely to be a handicap to him at a court where the army wields a powerful influence, nor his soldierly bearing and massive frame. Mr. Guild's linguistic abilities—he speaks French and Spanish fluently even if he has not yet mastered the intricacies of Russian—are qualifications appreciated in so cosmopolitan a capital as St. Petersburg. Like our ambassador to Great Britain, he is to be classed as a newspaper man, having received his training on the Boston Commercial Bulletin.

In Thankfulness.

Notwithstanding all that I have suffered, notwithstanding all the pain and weariness and anxiety and sorrow that necessarily enter into life, and the inward errands that are worse than all, I would end my record with a devout thanksgiving to the great author my being. For more and more am I unwilling to make any gratitude to him what is commonly called "a thanksgiving for mercies,"—for any benefits or blessings that are peculiar to myself, or my friends, or indeed to any man. Instead of this I would have it to be gratitude for all that belongs to my life and being—for joy and sorrow, for health and sickness, for success and disappointment, for virtue and for temptation, for life and death; because I believe that all is meant for good.—Orville Dewey.

Rat-Catching Woodchuck.

A pet woodchuck at the home of Johnnie Hughes of Cascade, Pa., catches mice and rats with the success and agility of a cat. It was its association with a cat that taught the chuck to become a "ratcatcher." The eye of the animal and its scent appear to be more acute than even a cat's. It will lie for half an hour at a rat-hole and wait for the rat to appear. It is generally sure death to the rat when the chuck makes a dive.

A Rule for Each Day.

About the sanest philosophy any woman can have is to aim to make the most of each day as it comes along and not borrow trouble from the future or bemoan the regretful past. Go through each day with a determination to make it just as useful, helpful and cheerful as possible. If you live out this belief your life cannot help but be successful.

Make One Heart Happy.

If each one worked upon the maxim day by day, "strive to make one heart happy," jealousy, revenge, hate, with their kindred evil associates, would forever leave the earth. Our minds would be so occupied in the contemplation of adding to the pleasures of others that there would be no room for discord.—Richter.

He Is Truly Great.

It is easy in this world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after one's own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

Uncle Pennywise Says.

The latest high building in New York is so high that a man was doing business on the ground floor for two years before they put on the roof.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

A Novel Idea.

A foreign idea is to have the place card at table held in the beak of a small wooden bird or the mouth of a small animal, that is balanced on the edge of the tumbler. These cunning little imported birds have the gayest of plumage.

Probably Not.

"The doctor says I mustn't read anything exciting."
"I've brought you a nice book entitled 'How to Know the Wild Flowers.' I don't think that will increase your heart action very much."

Probably.

The Suffragist Lecturer—The north and south poles were discovered by men, but let me tell you, fellow club members, that the next pole to be found will be discovered by a woman.—Satire.

Irresolution to Be Pitied.

There is nothing more pitiable in the world than an irresolute man, oscillating between two feelings, who would willingly unite the two, and who does not perceive that nothing can unite the two.—Goethe.

Must Be Paid For.

The benefit we receive must be rendered again line for line, deed for deed, to somebody. Beware of too much good staying in thy hand.—Emerson.

A Sure Test.

"Have you proposed yet to that North Side girl?" "I can't seem to get a chance." "Can't get a chance, eh? Better turn your attention elsewhere, then. If your girl wished it, you would get a chance all right enough."

SUMMER COMPLIMENTS



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The Giraffe—Yes, it is grand. But, say, I wish I had a skin with a nice breeze. fit like yours.

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